

**YESTERDAY'S WEATHER**  
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU  
April 29, 1918—Last twenty  
Four hours: rain, 21.  
Temperature, 56 to 69. Max.  
71. Weather, cloudy.

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**FOOD FORECAST FOR TODAY**  
All Meals Meatless and one Wholesome

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## ATTACKS OF ENEMY MEET DEFENSE LIKE WALLS OF GRANITE

### Fighting Reported As Most Bitter Experienced During Drive

### Huns Gain Nothing But Casualties; No Sign Of Retirement

NEW YORK, April 30.—(Associated Press)—Thrown back at all points, with nothing to show for a day of intense effort except fresh heaps of dead and wounded graycoats, the Germans in Flanders yesterday suffered defeat in their desperate onslaughts. French, British and Belgians shared in the honor of smashing back one of the heaviest onslaughts of the great western drive.

Opening the day with an intense bombardment of the Franco-British lines south of Ypres, along the front from Metern to Zillebeke, the Germans attacked in heavy force, sending wave after wave of infantry into the battle. The British line stood intact during the day, beating off the attackers with heavy losses and refusing to permit them to advance an inch. The French defenders, before a particularly severe drive, gave ground at one point and the Germans obtained a foothold in their lines. French reinforcements countered and the fighting was hand-to-hand and of the bloodiest description, with the Germans being slowly driven back. When night fell they had lost the greater part of the ground they had won.

#### ATTACK BREAKS DOWN

On the Yser River, to the north of Ypres, the Germans launched an attack along a wide front against the Belgian positions. Here they met an iron resistance and the attack broke down at all points with heavy German losses.

The attack made on the north side of the Armentieres salient was launched with the hope that it would be the final blow leading to the evacuation of Ypres by the British. This was the statement made by prisoners captured by the Tommies early in the day. These prisoners stated that the Germans, along the fifteen mile front of the battle, had sent in the whole fourth army, attempting to make a master stroke.

During the night the German artillery was busy on the front between the Scarpe River and Lens and between Givenchy and Nieppe, but neither bombardment was followed up by infantry. At Festubert, in a night attack, the British recaptured an outpost, with its German garrison.

#### LIKE STONE WALL

On three sides of Ypres the Germans assaulted Allied positions which held like a granite wall, reports received at an early hour this morning said. Wave upon wave swept against them and every attack was thrown back. The slaughter was enormous. It was evident Ypres was the objective but in their tremendous effort as to reach it they were signally defeated. There was little or nothing to indicate any immediate withdrawal from this front by the Allies and the failure of the enemy assaults indicates that they can hardly hope to outflank Ypres.

#### FRUITLESS AND COSTLY

On the south there were powerful infantry attacks upon the salient from LaBasse to Houtholdt Wood, but here the assaults were equally fruitless and costly. From Lens to Vimy there was an incessant roar of big guns, the violent artillery fire indicating that this salient may have to meet the brunt of the attack today.

#### HEAVIEST SINCE DRIVE BEGAN

The early morning despatches from the British front since yesterday's fighting as the bitterest that has been seen since the launching of the Germans' great offensive. The Hun general, von Arnim threw enormous masses of troops against the Allies from Zillebeke to Bailleul all day long with the hills to the east of Mount Kemmel as his objective. Heavy German casualties were the only result.

#### BELGIANS COME BACK STRONG

Simultaneously with this attack another thrust was made against the line held by the Belgians to the north of Ypres and on his front temporary successes were gained but the Belgians later countered so savagely as to recover all ground that had been lost and to completely negative the earlier Teuton success. This morning the Allied line is still intact along its entire length and the enemy has nothing but casualties to show for the day's fighting.

Last night's official report to Berlin said: "The booty which we have secured since the storming of Mount Kemmel has been increased to more than 7100 prisoners, fifty-three field guns and 233 machine guns."

On the Somme front, where are large numbers of American forces, the day was one of comparative quiet.

### Spirit of Fairness Is Shown By Germany

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(Associated Press)—Demands upon Russia by Germany for an exchange of prisoners accompanied by the threat that unless the demands of Germany shall be granted that country will proceed upon Petrograd, have come to the attention of the United States department of state.

In these demands the spirit of German fairness is made beautifully manifest for the Teutons demand that the Russians send them such Germans only as are physically fit and capable of army service. Russia is to retain, doctor and feed such prisoners as are incapacitated.

In exchange Germany agrees to send back home such Russian prisoners as may be ill or otherwise physically incapacitated but will retain in Germany such Russians as may be physically fit and would be of use in their own country if returned.

W. S. S.

### LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS CONTINUE TO MOUNT

Totals Are Above Two Billions  
and Quarter

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(Associated Press)—At the opening of the last week of the Liberty Loan Drive the central committee reported subscriptions amounting to \$2,288,000,000 thus far compiled and the golden flood still pouring in.

Communities which have already exceeded their allotments are still working vigorously to swell their totals while in those states and cities that are still behind their allotments redoubled energy is being exerted to reach and to pass their quota.

No doubt is felt by the committee of the success of the loan and the members are confident it will be over-subscribed but they are insistent on the necessity, for its moral effect, of securing a larger total than did Germany in the flotation of its last loan.

There arrived in New York yesterday 105 chasseurs who immediately after their arrival paraded the streets of the downtown and financial section and later uptown on Fifth Avenue and Broadway. They were given a splendid ovation.

All of these men had been wounded, some of them as many as eight times. They have come for the purpose of helping the success of the loan drive.

W. S. S.

### SAMUEL GOMPERS IS SUDDENLY STRICKEN

Labor Leader Taken Ill While  
Addressing Meeting

MONTREAL, April 30.—(Associated Press)—While speaking to a meeting of labor union members here last night Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor was suddenly taken ill, forced to stop and to leave the platform. He was hurried to his hotel and medical aid was summoned.

Gompers was given a wildly enthusiastic reception by the crowd in the hall when he mounted the platform.

W. S. S.

### PROMISES FRANCHISE REFORM OR LABORITES

STOCKHOLM, April 30.—(Associated Press)—To stand or to fall on the platform of franchise reform is the promise von Hertling has made to the Labor Party, press despatches from Berlin announce. He said the Emperor supports this policy.

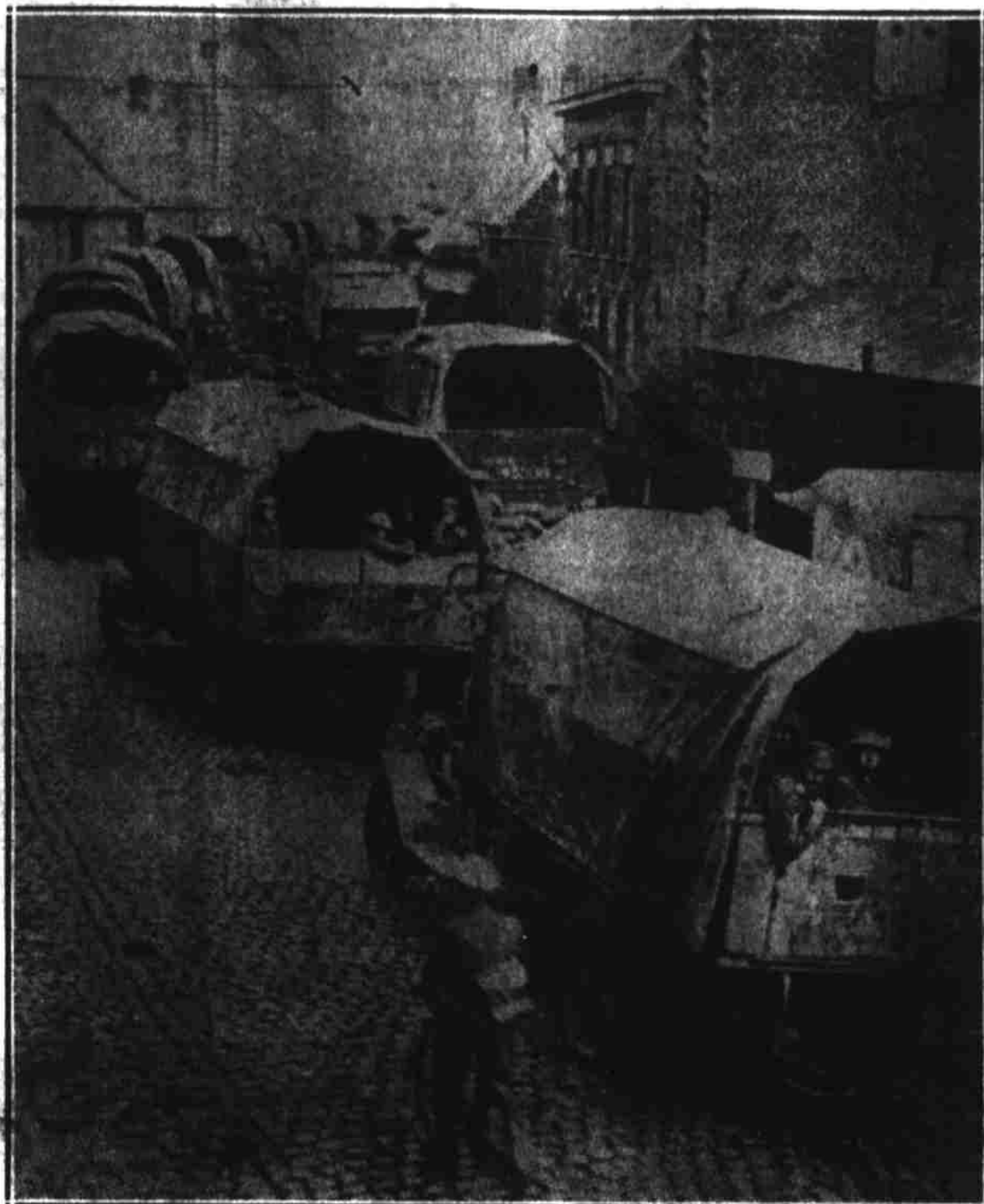
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### CHIEF SECRETARY FOR IRELAND IS SELECTED

LONDON, April 30.—(Associated Press)—Edward Short, member of the House of Commons for Newcastle on Tyne has been appointed chief secretary for Ireland.

He is a liberal.

**BRINGING UP BRITISH RESERVES**—The retreat and rear attack of British troops before the German Somme offensive was so carried out as to cost the Germans more than four to one in men and was halted at Arras. This picture shows fresh British reserves going forward to relieve those in the front line. Similar scenes are being enacted in Flanders today.



### OVERMAN BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Action On Measure In Preference  
To Chamberlain Bill Victory  
For Administration

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(Associated Press)—By the decisive vote of sixty-three to thirteen the senate yesterday passed the Overman bill, thereby scoring another victory for the administration. There is no doubt entertained of its passage by the house by a proportionate vote at least.

Senator Overman introduced this bill directly after Senator Chamberlain, on behalf of the senate committee on military affairs introduced his bill for the creation of a special department which should have supervision and control of government purchases for war purposes. This measure was particularly distasteful to the President and the Overman bill was the administration's substitute and was, in a sense, a compromise.

Under the bill which the senate has passed the scope of the power and authority of the President is greatly increased. Its purpose is coordination for the promotion of efficiency in practically all branches of the government war service and since the introduction of the bill a number of administration changes, especially those dealing with army supplies contracts and the methods for handling, ship construction and change in the air program and methods of its handling are along the lines which are provided by the bill.

W. S. S.

### Y. M. C. A. WORKERS ARE CAUGHT BY SUBMARINE

LONDON, April 29.—With their outfit lost and practically as destitute as if they were refugees, fifty-seven Y. M. C. A. workers arrived here today and their immediate needs were supplied.

The ship upon which these workers were traveling was torpedoed and sunk on Sunday and the survivors were picked up and brought to a British port. Three members of the crew of the steamer lost their lives.

W. S. S.

### CHANCE FOR DUKE

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(Associated Press)—Swimming is to be a part of the training of the men in the training camps and cantonments next summer. It will be compulsory and special instructors will be furnished to each company.

### WAR PRISONERS IN RUSSIA MAKE PLAN

Would Have Social Revolt In  
Western Europe and Form  
Soviet Republic

MOSCOW, April 30.—(Associated Press)—War prisoners taken from the Central Powers by Russia are in many instances not anxious to return to their homes but prefer to remain where they are for the time being and until they are able to formulate their plans for a great soviet republic, along the lines of the one which Russia has undertaken. At a congress of war prisoners all of the nationalities of the Central powers were represented. It was made plain that the aim of the conference or convention was to bring about a social revolution in Western Europe to be followed by the setting up of a republic of soviet.

W. S. S.

### INDIGENT ENEMIES WILL BE RELIEVED

Switzerland and Sweden Under-  
take Work In This Country

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(Associated Press)—Relief work among indigent German and Austro-Hungarian has been undertaken by the Swiss and the Swedish legations. The Swiss legation will look after indigent Germans while the Swedish legation will care for the Austro-Hungarians. The United States government approves this plan and is directly cooperating with the legation in giving direct to the families of interned enemy aliens funds to meet their needs.

A committee of Americans is to be organized which will give aid to peaceful and law-abiding enemy aliens who are suffering because of their enemy status. The work of this committee will be supervised from the legations.

W. S. S.

### China Will Send Over Forty Thousand Men

ATLANTIC PORT, April 30.—(Associated Press)—Captain Ting Chia Chen, military councillor of the Chinese president arrived here yesterday from France. He said that China will have forty thousand soldiers in France early in the summer.

### CZECH LEADERS ARE BITTER AT CZERNIN

Conference At Prague Is Mani-  
festation of Demand For  
Self-Government

LONDON, April 30.—(Associated Press)—All of the Czech leaders of both parliaments and diets attended a meeting recently in Prague, according to a Reuter's despatch which was received last night. It was held to protest against Czernin's policies and his course in stepping aside after the promises which he had previously given. Denunciation by all of these Czech leaders were bitter in the extreme.

Deputy Stanek, president of the Bohemian Union declared the assemblage was a manifestation of the desire of the Czechs and the Slavs for self government.

Despatches from Amsterdam last night said:

Dr. Alexander Wekerle, chosen by Emperor Charles some months ago to form a war cabinet for Hungary, has now been selected to succeed Count Czernin as head of the Imperial cabinet of Austro-Hungary and has accepted the task of forming a ministry.

W. S. S.

### KAISER FULL OF JOY HE TELLS HIS PEOPLE

AMSTERDAM, April 29.—(Associated Press)—In a message which he has sent to von Hertling the kaiser desires to have his appreciation for the financial support being extended by his people expressed to all publicly. In part his message says: "The reichstag report for the year 1917 shows the splendid state of the money market at home. The strength of resistance and the power to economize which our people are showing fills me with a profound joy and increases my confidence. I should like to have you express my deep appreciation of their splendid efforts to all concerned."

"The unparalleled success which we have achieved we certainly owe to the victories which the Divine Grace has bestowed upon our leaders and the fighters of our army and our fleet."

"We are surely conquering in a military sense and economically we have before us though not an easy victory at least a strong future."

On the twenty-fifth the kaiser was in an advanced position toward the Mount Kemmel front and closely followed every stage of the battle during the entire day.

## WASHINGTON IS DOUBTFUL AS TO NECESSITY FOR YIELDING PORTS

Abandoning of Ypres Salient  
Would Not Necessitate Greater  
Retirement Than To New Line  
of Defense, Is Claimed

VALUE SENTIMENTAL  
AND NOT TACTICAL

American Reserves Moved Up  
Into Amiens Sector and Help  
To Bar Way To Paris Against  
Further German Advance

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(Associated Press)—The military critics here and the officials do not share the opinion expressed in London that the abandonment of the Ypres salient necessarily means a large withdrawal, leaving all Belgium in German hands with the important French channel ports. In the opinion of leaders here the battle of Ypres is only an incident in the greater battle of the German offensive.

Even should this battle go against the Allies, it is pointed out, it would mean only a retirement to a new line some miles in the rear of the present positions, from which the German advance could be contested inch by inch.

#### STAND FOR WEEKS

The Ypres salient, while sentimentally important as marking the scenes of a number of the British and Belgian triumphs over the enemy, is not of such strategic importance that its loss would force any general retirement, and it would be weeks, even if they should be successful in their continued advance, before the Germans could threaten the Channel ports.

As seen from here it is evident that the strain of the offensive is becoming heavier upon the Germans and correspondingly less upon the Allies.

#### COUNTER WAITED

Military men here are watching eagerly for some sign to indicate what the counter offensive plans of General Foch may be, but as yet there is nothing whatever to indicate them.

Yesterday the American reserves were moved up into the battle line at a point near the junction of the French and British armies, on the Somme front, before Amiens. Here the line is barring the German path to Paris and to the Amiens railroad.

#### INCREASED FIRE

Reports from the Toul front told of a considerable increase in the volume of the enemy's artillery fire the evident purpose being to keep the American forces which hold that twenty miles of front from being withdrawn to reinforce the British in the north.

### ATTEMPTED ATTACK IS QUICKLY STOPPED

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(Official Press)—Following several hours of bombardment the Germans attempted an attack upon the Americans in the Toul sector. The accurate fire of the American artillery stopped the enemy attackers before they were able to reach the first line of trenches.

The war department confirms the report that American forces are now occupying a position in the battle center, east of Amiens.

#### WINS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(Associated Press)—Stafford L. Austin has been graduated as a second lieutenant from the officers' reserve training camp at Camp Sherman.